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FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
Filed on or after June 3, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/773,835
Filing Date	January 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	Bender et al.
Group Art Unit	2662
Examiner Name	Ahmed Elallam
Attorney Docket Number	000459

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicants may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.3(a)(2) (PTO/SB/029) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 30092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1235 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which estimated RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____
b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply _____
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) _____
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) _____
iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 which the RCE is filed.

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$1020	\$0
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